RCCD | RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

District Strategic Planning Council
Friday, May 29, 2026
CAADO 309 & Zoom
2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order – 2:05 pm

Present: Charise Allingham, Stephen Ashby, Kimberly Bell, Rudy Besikof, Eric Bishop, Aaron Brown, Rebecca Goldware, Casandra Greene, Jacob Kevari, Virgil Lee, Adam Navas, Jo Scott-Coe (Co-Chair), Star Rivera-Lacey (Co-Chair), Arlene Serrato, Kristi Woods, Patty Worsham.

Absent: Laura Dunphy, Gabriel Graves, Monica Green, Tenisha James, Jeff Rhyne, Kathleen Sell, Star Taylor, Charles Wilhite.

Guests: Laura Adams, Hussain Agah, Hayley Ashby, Majd Askar, Quinton Bemiller, Christopher Blackmore, Shawna Bushell, Steven Butler, Graciela Caringella, FeRita Carter, Roosevelt Charles, Tammy Few, John Geraghty, Danielle Guise, Misty Griffin, Kyla Henry, Lorraine Jones, Jacqueline Lesch, Alexzander Lesueur, Susanne Ma, Joumana McGowan, Debra Mustain, Estrella Romero, David Schlanger, Kaneesha Tarrant, Nancy Valdovinos, Sharon Walker, Sharaf Williams, Lynn Wright, Shari Yates, Lijuan Zhai.

I. Opening Items – J. Scott-Coe/S. Rivera-Lacey

a. Approval of the May 29, 2026, Agenda
Motion to accept the May 29, 2026, Agenda – **First**: S. Ashby; **Second**: R. Besikof; No abstention. Motion carried.

b. Approval of the April 24, 2026, Minutes
Motion to accept the April 24, 2026, Minutes – **First**: S. Ashby; **Second**: K. Bell; No abstention. Motion carried.

II. Task Force/Sub-Committee/Special Reports

a. Teaching and Learning Committee – S. Rivera-Lacey

i. **Information:** RCCD College Promise Program – S. Williams/D. Guise/D. Schlanger/A. LeSueur/ S. Walker/S. Butler

Presenters from Riverside City College, Moreno Valley College, and Norco College provided an overview of RCCD's College Promise Program and its impact on student access, success, and completion. The presentation discussed how the College Promise Program aligns with RCCD's Strategic Plan and supports student achievement across the district by offering tuition coverage, textbook assistance, transfer support, academic advising, outreach, and summer bridge experiences designed to improve student success and equity outcomes. The three colleges shared program highlights, unique program features, alignment with strategic goals, and college-specific data. Institutional research data demonstrated that students participating in College Promise programs consistently achieved higher rates of transfer-level Math and English completion, degree completion, transfer, and ADT attainment across all three colleges compared to students who did not participate in College Promise programs. Each college outlined future goals, including expanding enrollment, increasing outreach and transfer programming, improving career exploration support, and strengthening onboarding and student engagement efforts.

ii. **Information:** District Guided Pathway Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes – L. Zhai
District Guided Pathway Sub-Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

iii. **Information:** Noncredit Committee Meeting Minutes – L. Zhai
Noncredit Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

b. Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Governance – S. Rivera-Lacey

i. **Action:** Accreditation 2026 Updates – J. McGowan/S. Nyrop/ H. Ashby/L. Adams/ L. Wright/J. Lesch/ L. Zhai

The presentation provides an overview of RCCD's preparation for the 2027 accreditation visit, including the ACCJC review process, key timelines, and ISER development efforts across Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges. Representatives from each campus described the revised ACCJC accreditation process, which emphasizes streamlined reporting, measurable outcomes, equity, and continuous institutional improvement. It highlights how each college has engaged leadership teams, governance groups, and campus stakeholders in a collaborative process to evaluate institutional effectiveness and compile evidence. Moreno Valley College discussed its collaborative accreditation structure involving faculty, staff, administrators, and students, along with highlights such as expanded distance education support, a new Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management, multimodal scheduling, and updated strategic planning initiatives. Norco College emphasized its mission-centered governance structure, equity-driven strategic planning, improvements in student support systems, and strengthened dual enrollment and transfer initiatives. Riverside City College highlighted its college-wide participatory accreditation process, development of the new "BEST" strategic plan, equity-minded professional development, enhanced student support services, facilities and technology planning, and inclusive hiring practices. The presentation also emphasizes progress in mission alignment, student success, equity-focused support, resource stewardship, and shared governance, and concludes with next steps such as peer review, identification of core inquiries, and preparation for the focused site visit in March 2027.

MOTION: To approve the draft ISER college reports as submitted by the three colleges.
First: S. Ashby; **Second**: J. Kevari. Motion carried.

ii. **Information**: Digital Accessibility & Compliance Updates – S. Rivera-Lacey/C. Blackmore/C. Clarke/ S. Bushell

The presentation provides an overview of RCCD's districtwide approach to digital accessibility and compliance, emphasizing that accessibility is a shared institutional responsibility involving technology, faculty, staff, administrators, vendors, and instructional content. The District is strengthening accessibility through software and vendor reviews, website monitoring, Canvas remediation, faculty training, and ongoing collaboration with statewide accessibility resources. Key challenges include legacy documents, third-party instructional materials, and the large volume of Canvas content requiring remediation. With the April 2027 compliance deadline approaching, RCCD is focusing on both correcting existing barriers and preventing future accessibility issues through stronger governance, procurement practices, training, monitoring, and resource allocation.

iii. **Action:** Updates to BP/AP 2235 – J. Scott-Coe
Jo Scott-Coe presented that faculty leaders and academic senates across all three colleges supported removing a 12-unit completion requirement that created barriers for some students seeking Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) credit, particularly students with industry certifications or prior experience. This change aligned with statewide initiatives to expand student access.

MOTION: To approve updates to BP/AP 2235 as presented.
First: S. Ashby; **Second**: J. Kevari. **Abstention**: T. Few/S. Ashby. Motion carried.

iv. **Action:** Updates to AP 6160A – J. Scott-Coe
The presentation provides an overview of AP 6160A, Professional Growth and Sabbatical Leave revised approval procedures and expanded recognition of nontraditional professional growth activities such as publications and museum exhibitions. The revised procedure has undergone extensive review by the Professional Growth and Sabbatical Leave Committee, Human Resources, General Counsel, and Academic Senates. Discussion focused on governance processes, administrative procedures, and final revisions needed before the policy moves forward for Board consideration.

MOTION: To approve updates to AP 6160A as presented.
First: J. Kevari; **Second**: K. Bell. **No**: T. Few. **Abstention**: S. Ashby. Motion carried.

v. **Information:** District Enrollment Management Committee Meeting Minutes – L. Zhai
Enrollment Management Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

vi. **Information:** District Program Review Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes – L. Zhai
District Program Review Sub-Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

c. Resources Committee – A. Brown

i. **Action**: Electrical Vehicle Charging Station Standard Operating Procedures – A. Brown/H. Agah
The presentation provides an overview of the proposed standard operating procedures for the District's electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, including revised fees, enforcement provisions, and the expansion of charging infrastructure. The District recently added 172 charging stations, bringing the total to 196, with a proposed rate of $0.32 per kilowatt-hour and a $5-per-hour fee for vehicles exceeding the 120-minute grace period. The presentation also highlighted ADA-compliant charging spaces and the Clean Mobility Option car-sharing program, which will provide 17 electric vehicles to students, employees, and community members at $5 per hour through a $1.8 million grant. Discussion focused on potential labor implications and the possibility of impact bargaining with employee unions before implementation.

MOTION: To move forward to Chancellor's Cabinet as presented.
First: A. Brown; **Second**: P. Worsham. **No**: S. Ashby/C. Greene. **Abstention**: T. Few. Motion carried.

ii. **Action**: 2028-2032 Five-Year Capital Construction Plan – A. Brown/H. Agah
The presentation provides an overview of RCCD's five-year Capital Construction Plan for 2028–2032, highlighting the increasingly competitive state capital outlay process, which limits colleges to one final project and two initial proposals per cycle and requires substantial local matching funds. The District has secured several state-funded projects, including Riverside City College's Applied Technology project and Moreno Valley College's STEM project, which remains pending Department of Finance approval. Given the limited availability of state funding, significant commitments from Measure CC, and eligibility limitations for some educational centers, district leadership recommended not submitting a new final project proposal for 2028–2029. Instead, the colleges identified approximately $330 million in potential future initial projects to position the District for upcoming funding opportunities.

MOTION: To move forward to Chancellor's Cabinet as presented.
First: R. Besikof; **Second**: J. Kevari. Motion carried.

iii. **Action**: MVC On-Campus Affordable Student Housing Construction Grant Application – A. Brown/ H. Agah/M. Askar
The presentation provides an overview of the proposed Moreno Valley College Affordable Student Housing Construction Grant Application, which would support development of a four-story, 64,500-square-foot residence hall on Parking Lot A with approximately 133 units housing up to 280 students. The project, originally developed in 2022, would include shared kitchens, lounges, study spaces, and other amenities designed to promote student engagement. The estimated project cost is $68.7 million, with projected rents ranging from $600 per bed for triple occupancy to $818 for single occupancy,

keeping rates below state affordability thresholds and strengthening the grant application. The District plans to use a progressive design-build approach if funding is awarded, although the project faces challenges due to the college's limited housing waitlist and lack of a formal UC or CSU partnership.

MOTION: To move forward to Chancellor's Cabinet as presented.
First: R. Besikof; **Second**: P. Worsham. Motion carried.

iv. **Information**: Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027 and Notice of Public Hearing on FY 2026-27 Final Budget – A. Brown
The presentation provides an overview of the District's tentative 2026–2027 budget, reflecting updated state revenue projections and ongoing legislative negotiations. Stronger-than-expected state revenues increased Proposition 98 funding and raised the projected community college COLA to 4.31%, along with additional funding to help address costs associated with AB 65 pregnancy disability leave requirements. Potential legislative funding could also provide additional support for enrollment growth, Dream Resource Centers, financial aid services, LGBTQ+ resource centers, deferred maintenance, and instructional equipment. RCCD projects approximately $350 million in ongoing revenues, supported by increased apportionment and enrollment growth, while maintaining a balanced budget and strengthening reserves in accordance with Board policy.

d. Advancement and Partnerships Committee – R. Goldware

i. **Information**: District Marketing and Communications Committee Meeting Minutes – R. Goldware
District Marketing and Communications Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

ii. **Information**: Alternative Resources Committee Meeting Minutes – R. Goldware
Alternative Resources Communications Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

iii. **Information**: Facilities Naming Committee Meeting Minutes – R. Goldware
Facilities Naming Communications Committee meeting minutes were included in the agenda packet for the Council's review. Council had the opportunity for discussion and questions.

II. Other

a. Meeting Dates for 2026-27:

- August 28, 2026
- September 18, 2026
- October 16, 2026
- November 13, 2026
- February 19, 2027
- March 19, 2027
- April 23, 2027
- May 28, 2027

Meeting adjourned – 5:02 pm